The total number of terrorists arrested in 1990 and 1991 (Up to 30th September 1991) were 2360 and 1920 respectively, which included those arrested on the border.

The interrogation of the arrested terrorists have provided useful intelligence and other information including Pakistan's involvement in training and providing logistics support to them.

[*English*]

P.C.Os in Chattarpur and Teekamgarh in Madhya Pradesh

2783. KUMARI UMABHARTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of P.C.Os operating in Chattarpur and Teekamgarh districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the criteria adopted in providing P.C.Os there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V.RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Number of PCOs operating in Chattapur and Teekamgarh districts of Madhya Pradesh are given below :

Name of the Distt.	*No of PCOs operating*
1. Chattarpur	58
2. Teekamgarh	65

(b) All the Panchayat Villages have been planned to be provided with telephone facility progressively by 31.3.1995.

[*Translation*]

Telephone ,STD and Fax Facilities in Paramani District of Maharashtra

2784. SHRI VILASRAO NAGANATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for more telephone connections, STD and FAX services and installation of Teleprinters at various places of Parmani district in Maharashtra.

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of above facilities provided there during the last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):(a) Yes, Sir. except for FAX service.

(b) The Department of Telecommunication has fomulated draft 8th Five Year Telecom Plan and it envisaged to provide by the end of the Plan

-telephone connections practically on demand in rurral and Tribal areas;

-waiting period no to exceed two years in large systems; and

-STD facility at all telephone exchanges.

Accordingiy, expansion programmes are being drawn to fulfil the above objectives during the Plan period.

(c) Telephone connections , STD and FAX services provided during the last two years i.e. 1989-90 and 1990-91 are as under.

Telephones	952
STD	1
Fax	nil(no demand)
Teleprinters	nil(no demand)

[*English*]

Minimum Tariff on Electricity

2785. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN:
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:
SHRI J.CHOKKA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked all State Electricity Boards to charge a minimum tariff on electricity to make the power sector viable ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and(b). States have been addressed recently urging fixation of mimimum agricultural power tariff of 50 paise/kwh, as per the consensus reached at the Power Ministers' Conference held in September,1991.

Insurgents Operating from Across Border

2786. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI SHUSHIL CHANDER VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain insurgent and terrorist organisations are operating in north eastern States from their hide-outs across the border along Bangladesh, Burma and China;

(b) if so, the particulars of such organisations?

(c) whether the Governments of those countries have been requested to help track down such insurgents ; and

(d) the outcome of such efforts?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). According to reports the insurgent groups namely NSCN, Meitei extremist organisations and ULFA are having their hideouts in the adjoining countries namerly Myanmar and Bangladesh.

(c) and (d). The matter regarding the support to the such insurgent groups was taken up with the Govts of Bangladesh and Myanmar. The matter in under our watch.

Hydro Electric Power Generation Projects in West Bengal

2787. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Hydro electric power generation projects in West Bengal to augment the Power production in the State;

(b) if so, the names of projects pending clearance; and

(c) the time by which these are expected to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON